

INTERIM REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
to the
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF DEBEN
for the year 1942.

Chairman,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Herewith my Interim Report for the year 1942

STATISTICS.

Population The Calculated figure for civilian population is given as 23,030.

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	325	149	176
Illegitimate	28	16	12

This gives a Birth Rate per 1,000 population of 15.3; (England and Wales 15.8).

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	14	7	7
Illegitimate	-	-	-

This gives a Still Birth Rate of 0.60 per 1,000 population. The figures for England and Wales for 1942 were 0.54.

<u>DEATHS</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	304	161	143

The Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population is therefore 13.2 (Death Rates for England and Wales 11.6).

<u>DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 Births</u>	<u>Total</u>
Puerperal Sepsis	Nil	Nil
Other Puerperal Causes	Nil	Nil

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE

All infants per 1,000 Live Births	30.8 (England & Wales 49)
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	27.7
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	71.4
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	49
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	1

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING 1942.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total noti- fied</u>	0	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	<u>Admit- ted to Hos- pital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever	25	-	-	-	1	1	11	3	2	6	-	1	-	18	Nil
Diphtheria	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	1	-	6	Nil
Measles	23	-	2	-	1	3	6	9	1	1	-	-	-	1	Nil
Whooping-cough	123	7	9	12	8	17	54	15	-	-	1	-	-	-	Nil
Pneumonia	22	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	2	4	3	7	1	4	6
Cerebro-spinal fever	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	4	Nil
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	2	Nil
Ophthalmia															
Neonatorum	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nil
Erysipelas	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2		1	-	Nil

The only disease showing appreciable rise in incidence was whooping-cough, but this was only a miniature and, on the whole, mild epidemic. Chicken-pox, too, was more prevalent.

Immunisation against diphtheria was continued, and here are the total of children who completed the course, with percentage of the child population calculated to be protected since the outset of the campaign.

Under 5 years of age
270 (84%)

5 - 15 years of age
208 (89%)

There were six cases of diphtheria notified during the year, one of whom had had a course of immunisation. There were no deaths

TUBERCULOSIS A tabulated analysis is shown below:

<u>Age Groups</u>	<u>NEW CASES</u>				<u>DEATHS</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-pulmonary</u>		<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-pulmonary</u>	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
5-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
10-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
15-	3	2	-	-	1	1	-	-
20-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
25-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
35-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-	1	2	-	-	2	1	-	-
55-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
up	1	-	1	1	2	1	1	-

There was one case where notification did not take place before death, i.e. a percentage of 5 of the cases new to the register.

During 1942 there were 16 cases removed from the Tuberculosis Register, for the reasons noted hereunder.

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-pulmonary</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	
Diagnosis not established	-	-	-	-	-
Removed to other districts	5	3	1	-	9
Cured	-	1	2	4	7
Cases of Tuberculosis from other Districts coming into the area were:-					
	2	1	1	-	4

All other Public Health matters are being held over until further instructions from the Ministry of Health.

I remain,
Your obedient servant,

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Medical Officer of Health.

